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AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY TO PROCEED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC WORKS

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Mr. Walsh, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 2406]

The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2406) to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to proceed with the construction of certain public works, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment, and recommend that the bill do pass.

The purpose of the bill is to authorize the appropriation of \$1,000,000,000 for the establishment or development of naval shore activities by the construction of such temporary or permanent public works as the Secretary of the Navy may consider necessary, including buildings, facilities, accessories, and services, with which shall be included the authority to acquire the necessary land.

The committee was informed that the funds will be expended for projects approximately as follows:

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(a) Liquid fuel storage facilities	\$175, 000, 000
(b) Aviation facilities	196, 300, 000
(c) Lighter-than-air facilities	25, 000, 000
(d) Storage facilities	139, 120, 000
(e) Fleet facilities	8, 525, 000
(f) Personnel training and housing facilities	117, 165, 000
(g) Marine Corps training facilities	20, 000, 000
(h) Ordnance storage facilities	176, 000, 000
(i) Hospital and dispensary facilities	42, 600, 000
(j) Shore radio facilities	11, 170, 000
(k) Naval Research Laboratory	720, 000
(l) Miscellaneous structures	42, 000, 000
(m) Floating drydock program	46, 400, 000

Total _____ 1, 000, 000, 000

The committee was informed that the projects covered by the abovelisted program are those which are absolutely essential to support the activities of the fleet and naval aircraft which have already been au-The expansions of the naval aviation training facilities, as well as of our naval training stations and Marine Corps training facilities, are of particular importance. The committee, in executive session, was informed fully regarding the details of the program outlined above.

The bill also provides that contracts may be entered into, under the authority granted, without regard to the provisions of section 3709 of the Revised Statutes. This section of the Revised Statutes provides in substance that contracts for supplies and services, other than personal services, in any Government department, shall be made by advertising a sufficient time previously for bids respecting same.